

Notice was duly published July 3, 2018 on Page 9 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on July 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused. Chair Ridder stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Monday, July 23, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
E-911 Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 24, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

11:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
B-1966 In the Matter of the Application of Mojo Mobility, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van in open class between points in Thurston, Dakota, Cuming, Burt, Dodge, Washington, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, Cass, Otoe, Butler, Colfax, Lancaster and Seward Counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades presiding as Hearing Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4946/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
PI-209 its own motion, to investigate service outages and possible modification to the commission's service outage reporting requirements. Commissioner Crystal Rhoades presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order adopting network outage reporting requirements and, close the docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4960 In the Matter of the application of Jason Poppe, Brooke Marshall, Eugene Griess, Cole Schelkopf, Craig Griess, Ron Nuss, Lon Ochsner, Kristin Jerred, Jerry Huebert, Isaac Schelkopf, Aurora, Sutton and Saronville, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Stockham Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company. Commissioner Rod Johnson presiding as Hearing Officer: Cullen Robbins discussed the Hearing Officer's Order of July 6, 2018, accepting the late-filed exhibit of Brooke Marshall, overruling Windstream's objection and closing the record.

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C-4973 In the Matter of the Application of Keith Skrdlant, Doniphan, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Doniphan Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-4984 In the Matter of Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc., Falls City, seeking a waiver of the requirement of 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 regarding public pay stations: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting request for waiver. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-4985 In the Matter of the application of an Interconnection Agreement for EAS Traffic Exchange Agreement by and between Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, and Breda Telephone Corporation, Breda, Iowa: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order approving application. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-4986 In the Matter of the Application of SQF, LLC, Portland, Maine, seeking authority to operate as a local exchange carrier within the State of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

C-4989 In the Matter of the Application of iBasis Retail, Inc., Lexington, Massachusetts, seeking authority to cancel its certificate of interexchange authority and tariff: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting application: Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

AD-659r In the Matter of the Application of Strategic Consulting Group, Chicago, Illinois, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

NUSF-1, PO #7 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to grant an audit extension request to Skybeam Acquisition/Prairie iNet to August 1, 2018, for the 2016 NUSF Remittance Audit that was due December 31, 2017. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

NUSF-108, PO #3 In the Matter of the Nebraska Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to make adjustments to its high-cost distribution mechanism and make revisions to its reporting requirements. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Cullen Robbins discussed the Hearing Officer's Order of June 26, 2018, denying a Motion to continue the August 15, 2018 Hearing.

NUSF-112/
PI-217 In the Matter of the Petition of CTIA-The Wireless Association for investigation regarding the definitions of certain terms adopted by the Nebraska Public Service Commission in NUSF-100. Commissioner Frank Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Cullen Robbins discussed the two Hearing Officer's Orders that were entered in this docket on July 2, 2018.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Cullen Robbins informed the Commission of the complaints and outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month.

Outages for June 2018							
Telephone Company	Affected Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Number of Access Lines	Cause Primary	Comments
Windstream	Lincoln, 14th St Peach & Rose	Jun-06-18	Jun-08-18	2 d 11 h	433	Cable Cut	Duct system with 7 cable in it hit by Bauer Excavating subcontractor boring for Allo. A 1000 pair and a 600 pair cable are damaged.
ATC	Holbrook, Hendley, Farnam, Loomis, Overton, and Brule	Jun-07-18	Jun-07-18	0 d 0 h	500	Equipment	Switching Stability issues. Force clearing of MAC address table corrected these issues after doing test calls.
Great Plains	Crookston	Jun-08-18	Jun-09-18	0 d 13 h	8	Equipment	Lightning took out a substation and an RDT
CenturyLink	Sarpy County (911)	Jun-12-18	Jun-12-18	0 d 6 h	0	Cable Cut	Contractor that damaged the line was Infrasource, doing work for Black Hills Energy. Locates were requested and completed, but mark was off by app. 30 inches. During outage, calls were re-routed to Douglas County PSAP, and dispatchers sent to backup center until line was repaired.
Great Plains	Wood Lake	Jun-13-18	Jun-13-18	0 d 1 h	100	Other	Commercial power Outage - Power was restored after the storms passed
CenturyLink	Omaha	Jun-14-18	Jun-15-18	1 d 8 h	102	Damaged Cable	Local Loop - Weather-related - Field operations repaired the copper cable.
CenturyLink	Grand Island	Jun-21-18	Jun-21-18	0 d 2 h	323	Damaged Cable	Cable became wet/weather related. Cable was spliced to repair.
CenturyLink	Scottbluff	Jun-21-18	Jun-21-18	0 d 4 h	447	Equipment	A portion of the Scottbluff, NE switch is not processing calls. Failed card in the transport equipment caused voice customers to lose service. The card was replaced to restore all customers to service.
Windstream	Wilber	Jun-21-18	Jun-21-18	0 d 3 h	1386	Equipment	Incident was due to a faulty transport card and resolved by card replacement.
Windstream	Lincoln	Jun-23-18	Jun-23-18	0 d 4 h	964	Cable Cut	Lincoln, NE (84th & Main) remote had 964 lines out of service beginning 6/23/18 6:08 PM CT. Service restored at 6/23/18 10:25 PM CT (duration of 4 h 16m 54s). The issue recurred 6/24/18 4:19 PM CT and technicians switched processor copies restoring service at 6/24/18 5:15 PM CT (duration of 55m 14s).
Windstream	Lincoln	Jun-25-18	Jun-25-18	0 d 2 h	964	Cable Cut	The Lincoln, NE GTDS RSUO (84th & Main) remote had 964 lines out of service. A suspect RDLC card has been replaced.
Great Plains	Valentine, Crookston, Kilgore, Wood Lake	Jun-26-18	Jun-26-18	0 d 4 h	700	Cable Cut	EAS - Fiber was repaired.
Time Warner Cable	Auburn, Cedar Bluffs, Columbus, Crete, David City, Denton, Fairbury, Falls City, Fremont, Humboldt, Lincoln, Neb. City, Pawnee City, Seward, Table Rock, Tecumseh, York	Jun-26-18	Jun-26-18	0 d 4 h	60648	Equipment	A power distribution unit (PDU) failure in the Colorado data center impacted a backbone router, which affected requests for data needed to route calls. Some customers experienced local inbound/outbound call failures. Engineers used temporary fixes, including alternative power sources and rebooting individual cards in the router, to restore services. Final Resolution: Engineers repaired the PDU and replaced line cards in the backbone router during scheduled maintenance the same night.
CenturyLink	Omaha	Jun-27-18	Jun-27-18	0 d 7 h	205	Cable Cut	Cable cut by contractor's backhoe - cable was spliced to restore service. Cable cut caused by Roloff Construction and occurred in the area of 13th & J Streets. Locates were requested, accurate, and visible.
Great Plains	Ewing NE North Central Nebraska EAS to Orchard Nebraska	Jun-27-18	Jun-27-18	0 d 5 h	175	Equipment	EAS Outage - Frontier/Far End bounced the circuit

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.02 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Dodge County: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter two Orders approving use of set-aside funding for GIS and approving use of set-aside funding for equipment. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

Dave Sankey discussed seeking Commission approval to appoint Stuart DeLaCastro, Emergency Communications Director of Sarpy County as a County Official; Shelly Holzerland, Director of Communications of Fremont/Dodge County 911 as a Municipal Official; Carla Jones, 911 Communications Director of Southeast Region as a Municipal Official; Brent Lottman, Sheriff of Nemaha County as the Sheriff PSAP Manager Representative; Neil Miller, Sheriff of Buffalo County as a County Official; Randy Obermier, Commissioner of York County as the Nebraska Association of County Officials Representative; Ann Prockish, Director of State Regulatory Affairs of CenturyLink as a Telecommunications Industry Representative; Jon Rosenlund, Emergency Management Director of Grand Island as the Emergency Manager Representative; Karla Rupiper, City Attorney of Papillion as the League of Nebraska Municipalities Representative; Troy Shoemaker, Fire Chief of Alliance as the Fire Department Representative; David Sleeter, Emergency Communications Director of Douglas County as the Non-Sheriff PSAP Manager Representative; Andrew Snodgrass, Chief of EMS of Nebraska City as the Emergency Medical Service Representative; Brian Thompson, Vice President of External Relations of Consolidated Companies as a Telecommunications Industry Representative; and Owen Yardley, Chief of Police of University of Nebraska - Lincoln as the Law Enforcement Representative to the 911 Service System Advisory Committee: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve appointments to the 911 Service System Advisory Committee. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0095/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
PI-213 to investigate the effect of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of
2017 upon rates set by Nebraska's natural gas public
utilities subject to Commission jurisdiction: Motion made by
Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to
enter a Nunc Pro Tunc Order. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank
Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and
Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

- E-2453 In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Stanton County; and
- E-2454 In Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric Transmission line in Nance County: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter Orders granting Applications E-2453 and E-2454. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 21 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during 2nd quarter of 2018. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 13; Black Hills Distribution - 3; and NorthWestern - 2 and Other Entities - 3.

Nichole Mulcahy informed the Commission of the release of the RFP seeking Commission Consultants for the Natural Gas Department is scheduled for July 16, 2018.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

- GW-2187 In the Matter of the Application of Richardson Milling Inc., South Sioux City, Nebraska, requesting a \$100,000 deductible on its stock insurance: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.
- GW-371 In the Matter of Prinz Grain & Feed, Inc., West Point, Nebraska: John Fecht reported on shortage of oats.
- GW-1743 In the Matter of Farmers/Ranchers Cooperative Association of Ainsworth, Ainsworth, Nebraska: John Fecht reported on shortage of corn.
- GW-1883 In the Matter of Salem Grain Co., Inc., Salem, Nebraska: John Fecht reported on shortage of soybeans.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Deputy Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Tim Schram
David Sankey

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The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. with Commissioners Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on July 23, 2018.


Chair


Deputy Director